

AN ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE FAUQUIER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WAS HELD MARCH 13, 2002 AT 4:00 P.M. IN WARRENTON, VIRGINIA

P R E S E N T Mr. Raymond Graham, Chairman; Ms. Sharon McCamy, Vice-Chair; Mr. Joe Winkelmann; Mr. Harry Atherton; Mr. Robert Lee; Mr. Bryan Tippie

A B S E N T Mr. Larry Weeks

WORK SESSION – PROPOSED FY 2003 BUDGET

The Board of Supervisors held a work session to review the proposed FY 2003 Budget.

The meeting was reconvened for a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. in the Warrenton Middle School auditorium.

PROPOSED FY 2003 BUDGET

A public hearing was held to receive citizens' comments on the proposed Fiscal Year 2003 budget and tax rates. The following persons spoke:

- Elizabeth Browning, Scott District, student, spoke in favor of school salary raises.
- Katie (last name unknown), student, spoke in favor of school salary raises.
- Ben McCartney, Center District, teacher, spoke in support of one dollar and six cents (\$1.06) tax rate and urged the Board to keep the proposed budget.
- Sue Funesti, Marshall District, teacher, spoke in favor of teacher raises.
- Cliner Cross, Cedar Run, spoke against taxes on reassessed property values, and suggested developers should pay higher fees.
- Lela Muncy, Marshall District, spoke in favor of teacher raises.
- Pat Stein, Lee District, thanked the Board for supporting special education programs.
- Linda McPherson, Scott District, spoke in support of special education funding.
- Bob Jacobs, Center District, spoke in favor of school support and funding for Fire and Rescue and law enforcement.
- Virginia Hilleary, Center District, Fauquier After-Prom Party Committee, spoke in favor of school funding.
- Jim McConnell, Cedar Run District, retired, spoke against tax increases based on property reassessments.
- Nancy Comer, Lee District, spoke in favor of the proposed school budget and increased paraprofessional pay scales.
- Stephany Masteri, Scott District, speech and language pathologist spoke in favor of full school funding and an ancillary pay scale.

- Valerie Anderson, Lee District, spoke in favor of school funding.
- Jay Van Gelder, Cedar Run District, spoke in favor of full school funding, as well as public safety funding.
- Sheryl Wolfe, Lee District, spoke in favor of fully funding school budget and suggested implementing a different tax scale for citizens on fixed incomes.
- Jim Bedow, Marshall District, spoke in favor of school funding.
- Chuck Medvitz, Scott District, spoke against tax increases, and suggested an increase in developer's fees.
- Lanny Cornwell, Lee District, spoke in support of fully funding schools and asked the Board to consider reducing the proposed tax rate.
- Ed Gulick introduced Ed Dawder of Cedar Run District, Elk Run Church Preservation Committee, who spoke in support of County funding for preservation of historic landmarks.
- Chuck Schonder, Marshall District, teacher, spoke on property reassessments and suggested the process be reevaluated.
- John Schied, Cedar Run, farmer, spoke in opposition to tax increases, stating the reassessments were credible, but that the budget should be cut in areas of spending.
- Tom Grady, Marshall District, spoke against tax increases for retired individuals on fixed incomes and suggested the budget be reduced through less spending.
- John Zugschwert, Scott District, Piedmont Child Care Center, requested tax relief for 501c3 non-profit organizations.
- Mark Rohrbaugh, Cedar Run District, spoke against the portion of the last property reassessment which was process based on the income approach; he spoke in favor of school funding; and he opposed increased airplane taxes.
- Rich Dykes, Culpeper, retired, spoke against increased airplane taxes at Warrenton Airport.
- Sally Murray, Center District, spoke in support of school funding.
- Katie Ruhleen, Marshall District, PTO, spoke in favor of increased school funding and spoke in support of increased taxes based on property reassessments.
- Ron Gatewood, Warrenton-Fauquier Flight Center, spoke against increased aircraft taxes.
- Dutch Rausch (district was unidentified), stated he was opposed to increased aircraft taxes.
- Tom Marabel, Marshall District, Marshall Volunteer Fire Department, spoke in favor of seven cents (7¢) allocation to Fire and Rescue.
- Jim Featherstone, Center District, Warrenton Volunteer Fire Department, spoke in favor of a seven cents (7¢) Fire and Rescue tax levy rate.
- Sue Cook, Scott District, PTO, spoke in favor of an increased school budget and presented a petition from Ritchie Elementary PTO to the Board.
- Philip Mulford, Marshall District, business owner, spoke against the proposed tax increase, and spoke in favor of additional funding for the Fauquier Visitors Center.
- Karen Ryan, Scott District, spoke in support of school funding and in support of the proposed tax increase.

- Claire Peyton, Marshall District, spoke in support of increased teacher salaries and a school budget compensation package for all employee groups; she also stated her willingness to pay increased taxes.
- Kristine Weir, Scott District, spoke in support of funding for public services and schools.
- Cathy Gallagher, Scott District, of The Plains Volunteer Fire Department, asked the Board to consider a seven cents (7¢) tax levy for Fire and Rescue funding.
- Jeff Sharp, Fairfax County, stated that he owns and operates small aircraft housed at Warrenton-Fauquier Airport, and is opposed to an increased aircraft tax.
- Bill Stuart, Lee District, of Remington Volunteer Fire Department, urged the Board to support a seven cents (7¢) tax levy for the Fire and Rescue Association.
- Vicky McQuillen, Marshall District, a substitute teacher, stated that she strongly supports the one dollar and six cents (\$1.06) tax rate to include funding for schools and a levy for Fire and Rescue funding.
- Ashley Adams, Culpeper, of Rappahannock Legal Services and SAFE, a domestic violence protection organization, asked the Board to restore the allocation for Rappahannock Legal Services to its previous level of funding.
- Tom Silberstone, Center District, requested copies of the budget to be posted on the County web page as well as in the public library. He urged the Board to be conservative, and spoke in opposition to increased aircraft taxes.
- John Shipper, Marshall District, spoke in opposition to tax increases based on real estate reassessments, and questioned previous expenditures by various County agencies.
- Andrea Mutterer, Lee District, requested full funding of the proposed school budget, and stated she was in favor of the one dollar and six cents (\$1.06) tax rate.
- Douglas Hilton, Culpeper County, of Rappahannock Legal Services, urged the Board to restore its previous level of funding to Rappahannock Legal Services due to the increased demand for services.
- Butch Grimsley, Lee District, President of the Fire and Rescue Association, spoke in favor of a seven cents (7¢) tax levy for Fire and Rescue Association expenses, and stated that one cent (1¢) would be allocated for capital improvements.
- Jud Fischel, Cedar Run District, requested restoration of the previous level of funding for Rappahannock Legal Services. He also spoke in support of the proposed tax increase to fund schools and public services.
- Bill Downey, Scott District, spoke in favor of a tax increase to provide funding for services.
- Bob Sisk, Marshall District, stated that he is a fiscal conservative, yet he recognizes the need for public services and said that he is willing to pay an increased tax.

No one else spoke. The public hearing was closed. No action was taken.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned to reconvene on Monday, March 18, 2002 at 1:00 p.m.

I hereby certify that this is a true and exact record of actions taken by the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors on March 13, 2002.

G. Robert Lee
Clerk